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AN ACT to provide for the creation of a consolidated government charter commission for Sullivan County, Tennessee, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-2-101(3).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-2-101(3), there shall be created a consolidated government charter commission for Sullivan County, Tennessee.

SECTION 2. The consolidated government charter commission shall be composed of twenty-four (24) members being elected from Sullivan County's eleven (11) county commission districts in the same manner as are Sullivan County's twenty-four (24) county commissioners are elected.

SECTION 3. The members of the consolidated government commission shall be elected by the qualified voters of the respective Sullivan County Commission districts at a special election to be held in conjunction with the regular City of Bristol municipal election in June 1995.

SECTION 4. Three (3) members of the Sullivan County Commission, to be appointed by the presiding officer of such body, shall serve as members of an oversight committee for the consolidated government charter commission.

SECTION 5. The consolidated government charter commission shall submit a proposed consolidated government charter to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners no later than August 1, 1996.

SECTION 6. The Sullivan County Election Commission shall hold a referendum to determine the approval or nonapproval of such proposed consolidated government charter by the qualified voters of Sullivan County in conjunction with the November 1996 general election.

SECTION 7. Nothing contained within the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-2-108, shall restrict any municipality of Sullivan County from initiating or participating in annexation procedures pending the referendum on such proposed consolidated government charter.

SECTION 8. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the creation, organization, powers, duties, and all other matters relating to the consolidated government charter commission shall be as those are defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, relative to consolidated government.

SECTION 9. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing body of the county of Sullivan, Tennessee and the governing body of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee within ninety (90) days of the passage of this act. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of each governing body and certified by the presiding officer to the secretary of state.

SECTION 10. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 9.

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